

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE United States Patent and Trademark Office Address COMMISSENDER FOR PATENTS PO Box 1430 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 www.upote.gov

| APPLICATION NO. | FILING DATE | FIRST NAMED INVENTOR | ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. | CONFIRMATION NO. |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 10/596,574 | 06/16/2006 | Michele Thomas | ESSR:117US/10607658 | 8007 |
| 32425 FULBRIGHT | 7590 01/27/2010 & JAWORSKI L.L.P. | EXAMINER | | |
| 600 CONGRESS AVE. | | | ROBINSON, LAUREN E | |
| SUITE 2400 AUSTIN, TX | 78701 | | ART UNIT | PAPER NUMBER |
| | | | 1794 | |
| | | | MAIL DATE | DELIVERY MODE |
| | | | 01/27/2010 | PAPER |

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

Supplemental Notice of Allowability

| Application No. | Applicant(s) | |
|-----------------|---------------|--|
| 10/596,574 | THOMAS ET AL. | |
| Examiner | Art Unit | |
| LAUREN ROBINSON | 1794 | |

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included

| NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MP | This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| This communication is responsive to <u>3 November 2009</u> . | | | | | |
| 2. ☑ The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>21-25 and 27-41</u> . | | | | | |
| B. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U a) All b) Some* c) None of the: 1. Cartified copies of the priority documents have been re- 2. Cartified copies of the priority documents have been re- | ceived. beived in Application No have been received in this national stage application from the munication to file a reply complying with the requirements | | | | |
| A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Not INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason | | | | | |
| 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted. (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date (dentifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d). 5. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL. | | | | | |
| Attachment(s) . | 5. Notice of Informal Patent Application 6. Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date | | | | |
| | | | | | |

Application/Control Number: 10/596,574

Art Unit: 1794

Examiner's Comment

In the Notice of Allowability dated 12/08/09 the Examiner inadvertently indicated that claims 21-40 were allowed. Claim 26, canceled was canceled. Accordingly, the supplemental action is being sent to remedy this oversight.

Claims 21-25 and 27-40 are directed to an allowable product. Pursuant to the procedures set forth in MPEP § 821.04(B), claim 41, directed to the process of making or using an allowable product, previously withdrawn from consideration as a result of a restriction requirement, is hereby rejoined and fully examined for patentability under 37 CFR 1.104.

Because all claims previously withdrawn from consideration under 37 CFR 1.142 have been rejoined, the restriction requirement as set forth in the Office action mailed on 03/12/09 is hereby withdrawn. In view of the withdrawal of the restriction requirement as to the rejoined inventions, applicant(s) are advised that if any claim presented in a continuation or divisional application is anticipated by, or includes all the limitations of, a claim that is allowable in the present application, such claim may be subject to provisional statutory and/or nonstatutory double patenting rejections over the claims of the instant application. Once the restriction requirement is withdrawn, the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121 are no longer applicable. See *In re Ziegler*, 443 F.2d 1211, 1215, 170 USPQ 129, 131-32 (CCPA 1971). See also MPEP § 804.01.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LAUREN ROBINSON whose telephone number is Art Unit: 1794

(571)270-3474. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday 6am to 4om.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jennifer McNeil can be reached on 571-272-1540. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see http://pair-direct.uspto.gov. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

/Timothy M. Speer/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1794